



**HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Mimi's Café, Whittier California
Meeting of Tuesday, January 26, 2016**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Amparo Oblea called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Francis Carbajal, Sally Gaitan, Pauline Moore, Amparo Oblea, Laurie Rios, Marlene Vernava and May Sharp (Member Emeritus)

Members Excused: Debbie Baker

Council Liaison: Mayor Richard Moore

Staff: Maricela Balderas, Community Services Director
Noe Negrete, Director of Public Works
Ed Ramirez, FHS Manager/Executive Secretary
Cuong Nguyen, Senior Planner
Maritza Sosa-Nieves, Management Assistant
Aimee Espinoza, Program Specialist
Teresa Clift, Administrative Clerk II/Recording Secretary

Guests: Consultant Margaret Hammon
Aimee Green, Public Art Conservator, Silverlake Conservation
Albert Hayes
Larry Oblea

Chair Oblea shared with members that the SFS Art Fest has been selected to receive the Award of Excellence from the Parks and Recreation Society. The presentation of the awards will be held on March 11, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency, Long Beach, Ca. (Further information per Item 7f).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sally Gaitan and seconded by Francis Carbajal to approve the Minutes of November 24, 2015 as amended. The motion was carried unanimously.

Section 6 PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT, Paragraph 3, last sentence, amend to read:

“Also, the 76 Gas Station at Telegraph Road/Alburtis Avenue will be demolished and new construction of station without service bay will begin.”

Clarification was given by Mr. Nguyen that the 76 Gas Station will have a convenience market and a take-out food tenant is included in the floor plan.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Richard Moore reported that the cleanup of the tanks at the refinery continues with the Fire Department Hazardous Materials team monitoring its progress and that the company follow set guidelines. Also, the Police Department has seen an increase in gang activity and has increased patrols. In addition, the City Council is reviewing the budget and the state of the City currently has a three million dollar surplus. These funds will be dedicated to one-time spending items, reserve funds and the general reserve fund. Mr. Moore commended the Department Directors' for their actions taken in saving monies from last year's budget. Furthermore, the City Council has set priority for road repairs to residential streets. Lastly, the Department of Toxic Control will be conducting a public meeting on January 28, 2016, at Los Nietos Middle School, located at 11425 Rivera Road, Whittier, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the removal of a tank and proposed conditions for Phibro-Tech to follow. And, the work on the Florence Bridge will be delayed to fall 2016.

5. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Negrete reported on the construction at Heritage Park starting in February including synthetic turf at ranger green area, rehabilitating restrooms, reconstruction of aviary-screening and concrete seal, and replacement of fencing. At the Clarke estate, work will include exterior paint and replacement of windows and doors. Staff is in the process of prioritizing the street and sidewalk reconstruction project and working with CIP Subcommittee to bring this item to the City Council during their study session. Also, staff is collaborating with G.V.N.C. staff regarding city art pieces. Lastly, Mr. Negrete announced that residents may pick up sandbags at the City Maintenance Yard in preparation for upcoming rainy season.

6. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Nguyen reported that the Planning Commission has approved a development plan of the Norwalk Dairy for 3 buildings and recently approved remodel plans of the Pollo-Loco restaurant at Carmenita Plaza consistent with the color pallet of the Plaza and is expected to be completed next year. Also, McMaster-Carr is remodeling and will require the temporary removal of the art piece located at the corner of Bell Ranch and Norwalk Boulevard in order to continue with the reconstruction. McMaster-Carr will store and refurbish the art piece and has expressed interest in donating it to the City. (Further information per Item 8d). The Penn Pacific property has gone up for sale. Lastly, the plans for Salt and Pepper Restaurant at the previous Sizzler site is proceeding.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. ***Art in Public Places Restoration Report*** – Mr. Ramirez reminded members that at the meeting of August 15, 2015, the HAAC approved a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to enter into an agreement with Eternal Springs art piece owner, Sun Lee Company, authorizing to share the restoration cost of

\$1,780.00 in the amount of \$875.00 and to approve an amount not to exceed of \$1,000.00 from Art In Public Places funds, constituting the City's share for the restoration of the Eternal Springs art piece.

Mr. Ramirez introduced Consultant Margaret Hammon and Conservator Aimee Green of Silver Lake Conservation, LLC. Ms. Hammon gave an update on the restoration of the following art pieces as follows:

- 1) *Eternal Springs*, sculpture located at Telegraph Road. A signed CC&R is registered with the Los Angeles Registrar's office on the Sun Lee property. A letter has been prepared and will be sent advising Sun Lee of their responsibility of future cleaning or maintenance of art piece as recommended by the conservator.
- 2) *Complete Abstraction*, sculpture located on Pioneer Boulevard Corporate Center. The Company has offered to pay the total refurbishing cost of \$2,230.00. The art piece will also need painting in the near future.
- 3) *Synergy*, sculpture located on Fulton Wells Road. The art piece requires cleaning and polishing. There has not been an agreement secured yet with the owner.

Ms. Hammon distributed a copy of the California Art Preservation Act distributed to members for their review. The Act provides artists the right to claim authorship and refuse modifications to works of fine art. Maiming, stealing, amending any art piece is considered a state and federal crime. The rights granted under the act exist for the life of the author plus 50 years. Ms. Hammon recommended that this Act be included with all future CC&R's and given to all current property owners who have art work on their property. She also advised that should a business change ownership, a lien may be placed on the property. Ed will follow-up on this issue and keep members apprised on a development plan for the future.

Ms. Green presented members with her role as a conservator and shared the importance of conservation of art work by developers in setting aside funds for conservation and maintenance for the life of an art piece.

Mr. Ramirez presented to the Committee for their consideration whether the HAAC invoice directly the property owners their share for the restoration cost and in turn pay Silverlake Conservation, LLC the total cost from the HAAC Art in Public Places Fund, or that Silverlake Conservation, LLC invoice directly the property owners for their share of the total restoration cost and that the HAAC be only responsible in paying its share from the Art in Public Places Fund.

A recommendation was made by Francis Carbajal and seconded by Sally Gaitan that the City Council approve 1) the HAAC Art in Public Places Fund be only responsible for half of the *Synergy* art piece restoration project cost, not to exceed \$1,000.00 and that Sun Lee Company be responsible in paying its share of \$875.00 directly to Silverlake Conservation, LLC.; and 2) that the owner of the

Complete Abstraction art piece be responsible for the complete cost and payment directly to Silverlake Conservation, LLC. The motion was carried by roll call vote: Francis Carbajal - Yes, Sally Gaitan Yes, Pauline Moore-Yes, Amparo Oblea-Yes, Laurie Rios-Yes, and Marlene Vernava-Yes.

Mayor Moore highly recommended that in future dealings with business owners, where there is an agreement, that they be reminded of their legal obligation to preserve and maintain art work. Also, the City may take other measures such as denying any conditional use permits until in compliance.

- b. ***Art Fest 2016 Update and Featured Artist Selection*** – Consultant Sandra Hahn is working with the local schools and with featured artist Lalo Alcaraz who will be providing workshops to various schools. Staff is also working on confirming food vendors and artist vendors. Online registration is available at sfsartfest.org. In addition, Mr. Ramirez shared that the LA Art Counsel has expressed interest in participating and help grow the program and look forward in collaborating in creating possible future funding resources. In addition, staff is planning the use of the Clarke Estate grounds and home, and a contingency plan for rain is also being drafted.
- c. ***SFS Art Fest Goals for Mission Statement*** – Mayor Moore developed a mission statement and it has been drafted. At the previous meeting, it was discussed to develop goals related to the SFS Art Fest with focus on the impact to youth, financial approach, obtaining grants, and additional funding. Members were requested their input and ideas in establishing goals that can be used as we move forward in building relationships with possible sponsors. Chair Oblea shared her goals, which included continued support of children’s art, having an auction/silent auction, and financial opportunities for youth. Mr. Ramirez suggested developing themes and requested members to submit their ideas and goals to his attention and he will report back at the next meeting.
- d. ***The Construction Worker Update*** – Mr. Ramirez reported that the Kiewit Company has expressed that they are not interested in replacing the *Construction Worker* art piece. The art piece was not insured and it is not covered by the company’s facility insurance. An agreement is on file and Mr. Ramirez is consulting with the City Attorney and City Manager. Mr. Ramirez will keep members apprised.
- e. ***Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce Business Card Exchange*** – Staff and Chair Oblea along with Chamber Board member Debbie Baker participated in the Chamber Business Card exchange in effort to promote SFS Art Fest. Staff is planning to host an event in the month of April at the Clarke Estate. Mr. Ramirez will keep members apprised.
- f. ***California Parks and Recreation Society Award Submittal Update*** – Mr. Ramirez announced an opportunity to participate in the awards banquet event on March 11, 2016 at the Long Beach Hyatt, at 5:30 p.m. Members who will be attending - Pauline and Mayor Richard Moore, Laurie Rios, Albert Hayes, Amparo and Larry Oblea, and Francis Carbajal.

A motion was made by Sally Gaitan and seconded by Marlene Vernava that the HAAC approve to pay for the attendance by Albert Hayes and Larry Oblea to the CPRS Award Banquet event and authorize the use of HAAC funds. The motion was carried unanimously. Members agreed to pay for their own entry ticket.

Mr. Ramirez also informed members that the CPRS conference as part of the Best of the Best Showcase, will have an opportunity to put on SFS Art Fest event on display. Mr. Ramirez will provide more information at the next meeting. Also, it was recommended to recognize Cherie Blake and having a CPRS representative come and present award at a future City Council meeting.

- g. ***Nomination and Election of HAAC Vice Chairperson*** – With the vacancy of the Vice-Chairperson position open, discussion ensued whether to postpone nomination and election of Vice-Chairperson until the next meeting or during the normal nomination and election period. A motion was made by Laurie Rios and seconded by Pauline Moore that nomination and election for a new Vice-Chairperson be conducted at the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- d. ***Removal, Storage and Relocation of the Omni by Dora De Larios*** – It was reported that McMaster-Carr approach the City proposing the removal of art piece from its current location of Norwalk Boulevard and Bell Ranch Road and storing it for a period of time in which they may then re-dedicate it back to the City for relocation to another area within the city. The artist has agreed in the removal and relocation of the art piece. McMaster-Carr has agreed to pay for the removal and storage costs for up to six months. Thereafter, it will be the responsibility of the City to find a new location and any reinstallation costs. Mr. Ramirez will present the Committee with price and relocation options at the next meeting for further discussion and consideration. An image of the art piece was distributed to members.

Mr. Negrete was excused from the meeting at 10:53 am.

- a. ***Financial Report*** - Mr. Ramirez gave an overview of the Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 periods ending November 2015 and December 2015a copy was distributed to members for their review. November Balance: \$1.3 million and December Balance: \$1.6 million

A motion was made by Francis Carbajal and seconded by Marlene Vernava to approve the Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 for period ending November 2015 as amended. The motion was carried unanimously.

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- b. **Project Status Report** – Mr. Ramirez gave an overview of the current projects and a copy of the report was distributed to members for their review. The SFS Art Fest 2016 continues with its planning and recruiting of artist and vendors. The Public Art Restoration is in progress and will continue to provide more information. Also, the Sculpture Garden signage has been ordered for the Snake Fountain, Fossil and Pond Life art work as recommended by the HAAC, and installation is anticipated soon.
- c. **HAPP Maintenance and Monitor Plan** – It was reported that staff is in the process of developing a HAPP Maintenance and Monitor Plan by creating a record that will include image of art piece and installation date that will assist in creating a restoration timeline. Mr. Ramirez will keep members apprised.

A recommendation was made to provide members images of the Art in Public Places art piece with location, title and dedication date. Staff will follow up and provide information at a future meeting.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **Cannonball Re-dedication** – Discussion ensued incorporating showcasing *Cannonball* art piece as part of the SFS Art Fest instead of having a re-dedication ceremony. Members agreed and Mr. Ramirez will move forward in the planning by incorporating the *Cannonball* sculpture into the program.
- b. **Heritage Arts in Public Places (HAPP) Ordinance 1054 Review** – Mr. Ramirez shared input was received from members and reported that he has spoken with the City Attorney who is reviewing the Ordinance and will provide further insight. Mr. Ramirez will report to the Committee his findings at a future meeting.

10. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Maricela Balderas reported on the following:

- a. **Recruitment/Selection for FHS Manager** – Ms. Balderas reported that Ed Ramirez has been named the new Family and Human Services Manager and will be responsible for overseeing the Family and Human Services division. A recruitment will be made to fill the Community Services Supervisor position.
- b. **VITA Program** – The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) will be begin February 8, 2016 – April 14, 2016. To be eligible, income must be \$54,000 or less. Individuals may contact the G.V.N.C. to arrange for an appointment.
- c. **Farmers Market** – Staff met with manager of Green Leaf Events, a self-contained company, and visited potential city sites to offer a seasonal farmers market/street fair. Once a plan is ready, staff will present to the City Council for their consideration and approval.

- d. ***Girl Scout Project at City's Community Garden*** – As part of a local Girl Scout's project, the unveiling of ten bird houses will take place on Friday at the Community Garden. Members are encouraged to attend.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- HAPP Ordinance 1054
- HAPP Directory Images - Handout
- Goals for Mission Statement
- SFS Art Fest update
- Vice Chair Nomination
- Art Education Grant Guidelines

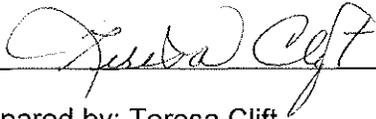
12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Rio Hondo Symphony Children's Concert – It was reported that over 2,000 children from local elementary schools participated. This program is made possible by the HAAC Art Education Grant.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Oblea adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Room 1, at 9:00 a.m.



Prepared by: Teresa Clift,
Administrative Clerk, II



Ed Ramirez,
Executive Secretary